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The reply filed on 13 November of 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant is required to elect a **single species** of receptor, G protein, response element and reporter gene for examination on the merits. Applicant is not entitled to elect one species of receptor for a first set of claims and a second species of receptor for a second set of claims. If certain claims do not encompass a process that employs the elected species of receptor then those claims will be withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected species. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John D. Ulm whose telephone number is (703) 308-4008. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yvonne Eyler can be reached at (703) 308-6564.

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